



City Administrator Monthly Update February 2015

By City Administrator Mike Story



Administration

Notice of City Offices Closed

City offices will be closed Monday, February 16, 2014, in observance of Presidents' Day.

City Clerk/Management Services

Rialto's Certified Farmers' Market

Rialto's Certified Farmers' Market is held every Wednesday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Farmers' Market is located at City Hall where vendors sell a variety of fresh vegetables, fruits and nuts at a reasonable cost to consumers. Come out and see what our local growers have to offer!



Economic Heartbeat of Rialto



Mayor Deborah Robertson's Economic Heartbeat of Rialto can be seen on the Rialto Network, Channels 3 and 99. It is also available on live stream via the City's web site, www.rialtoca.gov. This show is an in-depth interview with local Rialto businesses.

Administrative & Community Services

Finance

The Finance Division has been diligently working to culminate and issue the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The division expects to present Council the final FY13-14 CAFR at the first meeting in March 2015.

Additionally, the Finance Division is collaboratively working to complete the City's comprehensive mid-year budget review process. This process involves an in-depth evaluation of budget-to-actual performance, additional analysis and forecasting, and the collaborative evaluation of City goals and resources. The Finance Division expects the midyear budget process to culminate with City Council presentation at the first meeting in March 2015.

Recreation

Racquet and Fitness Center

We would like to welcome twenty eight new and renewed annual members to the City of Rialto's Racquet and Fitness Center this month. We look to introducing our new clients to other areas of fitness that we offer here at the facility like Vibe Fitness Boot Camp and Personal Training, swimming lessons, group exercise classes, etc. Their fitness goals become ours as we strive to provide them with the best customer service and assistance in the facility. Our floor staff is scheduled throughout the day to show our clients how to use each machine and inform clients of upcoming events within the facility and City.

January started \$0.00 Joining Fee special. Clients will pay only their first months dues upon sign up. This is at least a \$69.00 savings for our regular joining fee prices. We are looking forward to serving fitness seeking individuals, couples and families. Rialto Racquet and Fitness Center has something for the entire family. As a token of gratitude and appreciation, the Rialto Racquet and Fitness Center will be launching a new and FREE informational service this February to all our loyal members. For more information please contact us at (909) 820-2611 x108.

We hosted our first Racquetball Tournament of the year on January 10th where we had sixteen members and guests participate. Our members are looking forward to all the member related activities we have planned this year.

Vibe Fitness has welcomed eight new clients on their 30-Day Personal Training Experience and two drop-in clients. This month the Vibe Fitness Training program had forty two paid participants. We anticipate ongoing growth throughout the facility as we continue our joining fee specials until March 31st and encourage members and the community to participate.

Fit4Kids

January 2015 saw the launch of the new Fit4Kids Winter Session. As a result of the early sunsets, Fit4Kids has had a January full of Boot Camp activities that are performed in our newly renovated group exercise room at the Rialto Racquet and Fitness Center. Additionally, our outdoor basketball court lighting has allowed us to (when the weather allows) get some spirited games of basketball in. Our Fit4Kids are working hard and staying fit as we move through the winter season. Additionally, Fit4Kids has been able to implement a system that allows us, as a staff, to more effectively and reliably communicate to families the progress that our participants are making in our program. Upon entry into our program, each Fit4Kid now establishes their baseline assessment levels on the first day that they're with us. Those results are then sent home to our participants' families in order to be reviewed so that goals can be set. From then on, Fit4Kids has regularly



scheduled “assessment update” days that will keep these assessments forms up-to-date and accurate. Goals can be set. From then on, Fit4Kids has regularly scheduled “assessment update” days that will keep these assessments forms up-to-date and accurate.

Tom Sawyer Swimming Pool

The swimming pool is currently closed. We are in the process of replacing the heater and anticipating the re-opening mid-February. Staff has been really helpful in communicating updates to clients as well as understanding their frustration. We have a list of clients we will be contacting as soon as we have a scheduled opening date.

Senior Center

NCNW/Community Action Partnership representative Karen Bland visited the center on January 13th and January 26th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. She provided information regarding the Senior Housing Weatherization Program to our seniors that live in the City of Rialto. The Senior Housing Weatherization Program is a Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded program that provides grants to qualified low to moderate income senior (62+) homeowners of single family detached residences to make needed weatherization improvements to their homes.



The program provides a variety of improvements to Rialto Seniors that meet the requirements. Karen will have another visit scheduled with us on February 3rd from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Ana Rocha and Martha Rivera from Colton Funeral Home visited the center on Wednesday January 28, 2015 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. They were here to provide information to our seniors regarding funeral arrangements and the benefits for pre-planning. Because making funeral arrangements is something that most people don't want to think about, to lighten the mood the ladies brought along a present to raffle off. Colton Funeral Home has 38 years of experience and a large network of funeral homes and cemeteries throughout the Inland Empire.

Special Events

- Excursions

The City of Rialto hosted its first excursion of the year on Thursday, January 29, 2015 active adult participants enjoyed taking a trip to Cabazon Outlets and Casino Morongo. The grand majority of the seniors express their enjoyment as they explored the newly renovated Cabazon Outlets. Restaurant options were excellent, most of the seniors and active adults enjoy a lunch in the Morongo Buffet. The cost of the day trip including charter bus transportation and VIP coupon books was \$20.00. For more information on upcoming excursions please contact 909-877-9706.

- **Naming Ceremony**

On Saturday, February 28, 2015 the Recreation and Community Services Division invites you to attend the Frances E. Brooks Conference Center Naming Ceremony at 214 N. Palm Ave. The ceremony will be taking place from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm in honor of former Recreation and Parks Commission Chair Frances Ellen Brooks for her longtime service to the community of Rialto. Please call 909-877-9706 to RSVP.

Youth Basketball

Winter Season of Youth Basketball is shaping up to be quite well. Teams are formed in all divisions and practices have begun. The new Winter season will begin Saturday, February 7, 2015. Most divisions are full, and with new rules in place, it looks to be an every game will be an evenly matched competition. The gym floor has been cleaned and prepped and awaits the upcoming season. If the skills assessment/parent meeting, held on January 17, 2015 is any indication, we should have one of the most exciting seasons ever.



Adult Basketball

The winter season of Adult Basketball began on February 8, 2015. The league has consistently given the community thrills and excitement, and this season plans more of the same. A new perpetual trophy has been created for the adult league, with all former champions added. This trophy remains “unnamed,” at the Johnson Center and awaits a formal title.

Girls Volleyball

The winter season of volleyball currently has over 75 girls across both divisions. Division 1 is the larger of the 2 divisions, with 6 teams. This division is for the older girls, more competitive, faster paced. This division has grown consistently, showing a genuine community interest in the sport.

Division 2 focuses more on the fundamentals of the sport and gets players ready for their future in more competitive play. This is a great ‘prep’ division for the competitive Division 1. The new Winter season will begin Friday, February 13, 2015.

Share Your Talents and Earn Extra Income!

The Rialto Recreation and Community Services division is currently seeking instructors to expand the selection of fee-based special interest classes offered to the Rialto community. If you have a special talent and want to earn extra income teaching it to others, then come and partner with us! We will provide and maintain facilities, handle

registration, and provide direct mail advertising to 32,000 residential and business addresses! Call 421-4949 and ask for Jessica Perez.

Human Resources

Applicant Processing/Employee New Hires

Human Resources has received and screened over 415 applicants in the last 30 days. We have hired and processed 2 new employees and 3 promotions:

FULL-TIME

Employee Name	Position Title	Department
John Lardner	Fire Captain (Promotion)	Fire
Marcus Pineda	Field Service Worker	Public Works
Rudy Delgado	Fire Engineer (Promotion)	Fire
Sean Grayson	Fire Division Chief (Promotion)	Fire

PART-TIME

Employee Name	Position Title	Department
Daniel Medina, Jr.	Technical Assistant	City Clerk

Current Open Recruitments

The City of Rialto is currently hiring for the following positions:

Position Title	Closing Date	Position Type
Emergency Dispatcher II	Continuous	Full-Time
Information Systems Analyst	02/05/2015	Full-Time
Lifeguard	Continuous	Part-Time
Lifeguard/WSI	Continuous	Part-Time
Police Officer (Lateral)	Continuous	Full-Time
Reserve Police Officer	Continuous	Volunteer

Upcoming Recruitments

The City of Rialto accepts job interest cards for future openings, please visit our website at www.rialtoca.gov and click on "jobs" to sign up.

Rialto Community Career Center

The new Community Career Center is open!! Residents have access to six computers to assist with job searches, job banks, resume writing, etc. The center provides access to job seekers with a printer, fax machine, and other job searching tools at no cost. There are also postings for other



agencies available for review/copy. **The Community Career Center is housed in the Human Resources Division located at 246 S. Willow Avenue.**

Prescription Drug Discount Program

The **Prescription Discount Card** is made available to residents by the City of Rialto in collaboration with the National League of Cities (NLC) and is made possible through City of Rialto membership in NLC.

The card is **FREE to all City of Rialto residents**, regardless of age, income or existing health insurance. By using this card you **may save an average of 20%** off the regular retail price of prescription drugs at participating pharmacies. *This program is NOT insurance. Discounts are only available at participating pharmacies.*

Discount cards are available at:

- * City of Rialto website: <http://www.rialtoca.gov>
- * Human Resources – 246 S. Willow Ave.
- * Senior Center – 1411 S. Riverside Ave.
- * Library – 251 W. First Street
- * Recreation – 214 N. Palm Ave., #204
- * Chamber of Commerce – 120 N. Riverside Ave.



NLC Prescription Discount Card Program Participating Cities - Monthly and Cumulative Savings

City	Month	Total Rx's	Price Savings	Avg. Price Savings	% Price Savings	Total Utilizers
CA, RIALTO	OCTOBER 2014	26	\$ 218.32	\$ 8.40	23.8%	19
CA, RIALTO	NOVEMBER 2014	23	\$ 962.43	\$ 41.84	53.5%	11
CA, RIALTO	DECEMBER 2014	31	\$ 232.73	\$ 7.51	23.1%	17

Development Services Department

Airport Redevelopment Update

The City and Lewis-Hillwood Rialto LLC (LHR) have numerous projects underway advancing the redevelopment of the Airport.

- **Tenant Relocation.** The City initiated formal relocation of all tenants in January 2014. The City expended approximately \$9 million to complete the relocation of tenants during 2014. The City, former RDA, and LHR previously expended approximately \$21 million to relocate tenants. All aviation tenants were relocated to area airports, including San Bernardino International Airport, Flabob, Cable, Riverside, Banning, Hemet and others. Two non-aviation tenants must still be relocated.
- **Airport Closure.** On September 14, 2014, the City completed relocation of all aviation tenants (except the County Sheriff) and closed the runways to fixed wing

aircraft. The County Sheriff operates in accordance with a Temporary Heliport Authorization granted by Caltrans. The City temporarily covered the runway markings in accordance with FAA requirements. On January 13, 2015 the City Council awarded a bid to Pavement Recycling Systems in the amount of \$37,815 to permanently remove the markings. Removal work will commence in February, 2015.

- **SBIAA General Aviation Improvements.** The San Bernardino International Airport Authority continues construction on the general aviation improvements to support the construction of the Sheriff's aviation facility and the box hangars required under the City/SBIAA Agreement. The initial effort includes the backbone infrastructure and taxiways. The second element includes construction of the various box hangars and supporting facilities. SBIAA has assumed the prime contractor role and will award multiple bids for the hangar structures and the supporting flatwork. Bids have been awarded to purchase the hangars and to construct the flatwork, with bids for fire systems, electrical, foundation and hangar installation still to come. SBIAA is also out to bid for improvements to the intersection of 3rd Street and Victoria Avenue in San Bernardino, providing access to the general aviation area. The general aviation hangars are scheduled for completion by September, 2015.
- **County Sheriff.** On January 27, 2015 the County approved a hangar lease with SBIAA for the interim Sheriff facility. On January 28, 2015 SBIAA awarded a \$12.4 million contract for the County Sheriff's facility. Construction will commence in February, 2015 with an anticipated delivery in December, 2015.

The County Sheriff will vacate the Rialto site by March 31, 2015. Staff will work with the County to remove the underground storage tanks and any other potentially hazardous materials that may be identified on the site. The City intends to demolish the Rialto Sheriff's facility as part of the Phase II demolition and remediation contract.

- **Demolition/Remediation.** The City offered all of the acquired hangar facilities to area airports. The airports at Hesperia and Flabob entered into agreements with the City and have dismantled and relocated various hangars from Rialto for reassembly. On January 13, 2015 the City Council approved an agreement with Cable Airport to disassemble, relocate and reconstruct the 28,000 square foot Miro Hangar for an air museum.

The City completed lead and asbestos surveys and prepared demolition plans for the residual hangars (Phase I). On January 13, 2015 the City Council awarded a bid for the Phase I Demolition Project to Pantano Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$98,700. This work entails removal of vertical hangar structures, and will commence in February with completion by April 2015.

On February 24, 2015 the City intends to award a bid for the removal of underground storage tanks at Mercy Air and Scholl Aviation.

Phase II of the Demolition Project includes the removal of all flatwork, including asphalt and concrete runways and taxiways. It will also include the remediation of hazardous materials in accordance with the work program approved by the

Regional Water Quality Control Board. On January 27, 2015 the City Council released the Phase II bid documents with a scheduled bid opening on February 26, 2015. Bid award is expected on March 10, 2015 with construction proceeding into the summer.

A small cluster of buildings near Linden Avenue and Miro Way will be demolished and remediated as part of a final Phase III project during the summer. The last significant tenant (Joe Yancey) is expected to relocate to Chino Airport in July 2015.



Hesperia Airport (left photo) and Flabob Airport (right photo) have relocated various hangars from the Rialto Airport and have commenced reconstruction. The City granted the hangar facilities at no cost to these airports provided that they remove and reconstruct them at no cost to the City. Flabob Airport has added 68 hangars from materials salvaged from Rialto.

- **Miro Way Extension.** The City has 95%-completed plans for the extension of Miro Way from Alder Avenue to Linden Avenue. The scope of work includes all street improvements, wet and dry utilities, and a master planned storm drain connecting to the Cactus Basins. The approximately \$15 million project is scheduled for bidding in the 1st quarter of 2015, with construction completed by the 4th quarter of 2015.
- **Alder Avenue Improvements.** On February 25, 2014 the City Council awarded a design contract to Dokken Engineering for the design of Alder Avenue from Baseline Road to the I-210 Freeway. The design plans are 35% complete, with final plans for the Phase I improvements due by April, 2015. To accommodate development of the first two Airport projects (Niagara and Medline), the project will proceed in two phases: Phase I will construct four travel lanes from Miro Way north to Renaissance Parkway, predominantly using existing ROW; Phase II will expand the scope to Baseline Road and complete additional ROW acquisitions to allow full roadway improvements. Phase I will commence in spring 2015 for completion later this year.
- **Ayala Drive Improvements.** On April 13, 2010 the City Council awarded a contract to Albert Webb Associates to prepare construction design and environmental documentation to widen Ayala Drive from Baseline Road to the

I-210 Freeway. The design drawings are 90% complete, and the plans have been submitted to Willdan Engineering for constructability review. The City received a deed from the County and Caltrans for the east side of Ayala Drive and will now move to certify the right-of-way and finalize the plans and environmental studies. Construction bidding is scheduled for summer 2015. On January 13, 2015 the City Council allocated \$4.9 million from unexpended RDA bond proceeds to complete the estimated project funding.

- **Specific Plan Amendment.** LHR submitted a request to amend the approved Renaissance Specific Plan to reduce the residential units and increase the industrial square footage. On September 23, 2014, the City Council directed staff to accept the application and commence analysis. On January 27, 2015 the City Council released a Request for Proposals to engage an environmental consultant for peer review of the Specific Plan Amendment and Supplemental EIR. After review by various City Commissions, the City Council will consider the request in the 2nd quarter of 2015.
- **Airport Development.** LHR expects to acquire the first development parcel from the City in the 1st quarter of 2015. Two users have submitted entitlement applications to develop facilities on the westernmost Airport properties:
 - **Niagara Water** proposes to construct a 600,000 square foot water bottling facility on approximately 38 acres at the northeast corner of Alder Avenue and Miro Way. On January 27, 2015 the City Council approved the Addendum to the Renaissance Specific Plan EIR for this project. The Project now moves to the Development Review Committee for conditions of approval.
 - **Medline Industries** proposes to construct a 1.1 million square foot distribution facility on 56 acres at the northwest corner of Miro Way and Locust Avenue. On January 27, 2015 the City Council approved the Addendum to the Renaissance Specific Plan EIR for this project. The Project now moves to the Development Review Committee for conditions of approval.

The City is also working with a third potential user for a 75 acre parcel just easterly of Medline Industries. The user has not submitted a formal entitlement application.

Retail Chatter

On January 14th, **Jersey Mike's** opened its first Rialto sandwich restaurant. Franchise owner Alvaro Garcia hosted a soft opening on January 13th, where he provided food for approximately 200 hungry City employees. As part of its grand opening, Jersey Mike's held a fundraiser from January 14-25 to raise funds to support several Rialto schools. **Jersey Mike's** has disclosed plans to open a second location in the new Wal-Mart Supercenter, which should break ground this summer.



Chipotle Mexican Grill opened its new restaurant next to **Jersey Mike's** and **In-N-Out Burger**. **Wing Stop** is busy installing its tenant improvements and should be open for



business by the end of February. **Major Brain Freeze** submitted its tenant improvement plans for the last remaining space in the building. **Major Brain Freeze** should be open for business in March.

On February 10, 2015 the City Council will consider the approval of a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Fountainhead Shrugged, LLC for the third and last development pad at the Easton Retail center. The Developer plans to construct a 1,900 square foot **Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf**.



Food-4-Less is nearing completion of its new gas station in a portion of the Renaissance Shopping Center parking lot located at the corner of Foothill Boulevard and Cedar Avenue. **McDonalds** submitted construction plans for the development of a new 3,500 square foot drive-through restaurant. In conjunction with these projects, the City plans to construct a traffic signal at the main entrance of the Renaissance Center and Home Depot Center on Foothill Boulevard, and to reconstruct and lengthen the raised median on Cedar Avenue to restrict left-hand turning movements into and out of the Renaissance Center from/to Cedar Avenue.

Tacos El Gavilan has substantially completed the building shell for its new restaurant at the corner of Baseline Road and Riverside Avenue, with a scheduled March 2015 grand opening.

Chuze Fitness opened its new fitness center in the Gateway Center at 1521 South Riverside Avenue. The fitness club operates 13 facilities in Arizona and California, offering basic memberships beginning at \$9.99 per month. The Rialto facility includes 130 cardio stations, 55 strength development stations and full locker rooms. More information is available at <https://www.chuzefitness.com/>.

Planning Commission Summary

The Planning Commission reviewed the following projects in January:

- **Conditional Development Permit No. 761.** The Planning Commission approved a request by Ruby Metals to establish a heavy processing recycling facility on an existing developed property located at 2820 Industrial Drive within the H-IND (Heavy Industrial) zone of the Agua Mansa Specific Plan.
- **Tentative Parcel Map No. 19602 and Environmental Assessment Review No. 14-71.** The Planning Commission recommended that the City Council approve a consolidation of 11 parcels of land into one 35.83 net acre parcel of land to facilitate the development of a 596,749 square foot bottling facility for Niagara Bottling, and to consider an Addendum to the adopted Renaissance Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report. The project site is located on the east side of Alder Avenue between Walnut Avenue and Miro Way within the BC (Business Center) zone of the Renaissance Specific Plan.

- **Environmental Assessment Review No. 14-73.** The Planning Commission recommended that the City Council approve an Addendum to the Renaissance Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report for the construction of a 1,070,320 square foot distribution center located at the northwest corner of Locust Avenue and Miro Way, to be developed by Medline Industries.
- **Conditional Development Permit No. 759.** The Planning Commission approved a request by Toy Locker Inc. to allow the installation of approximately 1,900 linear feet of electric fencing around the perimeter of an existing industrial warehouse development on 5.57 acres of land located at 371 S. Cactus Avenue within the M-1 (Light Industrial) zone.

During the month of January, Planning staff reviewed 19 preliminary projects. The more notable project reviews are:

- **Linden Plaza.** A proposed commercial development at the northeast corner of Foothill Boulevard and Linden Avenue consisting of three buildings totaling 21,970 square feet.
- **Shaw Properties.** A proposed industrial development at the northeast corner of Base Line Road and Laurel Avenue comprised of one 288,000 square foot warehouse building.
- **Bertz Development.** A proposed commercial development at the southeast corner of Foothill Boulevard and Cedar Avenue consisting of multiple buildings totaling 66,000 square feet.
- **CapRock III.** A proposed industrial development at the northwest corner of Riverside Avenue and Santa Ana Avenue comprised of one 530,000 square foot warehouse building.
- **Rialto Service Station.** A proposed commercial development at the southeast corner of Alder Avenue and Casmalia Street, adjacent to the existing Arco gas station, consisting of two fast food restaurants, a 1,800 square foot Lube & Tune, and a 70-room hotel.
- **Investment City.** Development of a five-unit apartment building on the west side of Orange Avenue approximately 250 feet south of Third Street.
- **SA Golden Investments.** Development of a five-unit apartment building at the southwest corner of First Street and Date Avenue.
- **Union Pacific Railroad.** Construction of two water quality control bioswales at the existing rail yard located at the northwest corner of Riverside Avenue and Slover Avenue.
- **Kore Infrastructure.** A proposal to develop a biosolids processing facility on 5.25 acres of land located at the northwest corner of Riverside Avenue and Kline Ranch Road.
- **M & A Industrial Concrete.** Development of a concrete contractor's storage yard on 2.0 acres of land located at the northeast corner of Locust Avenue and Vineyard Avenue.
- **EZE Trucking.** A proposal to develop a truck parking yard on 4.77 acres of land located at 2977 N. Locust Avenue.

- **Monarcas Pallets.** A tenant specializing in repairing and reselling of pallets. They intend to establish a new pallet yard at in the 2847 S. Willow Avenue which is currently used as a residential dwelling horse property.

Business Licensing

The City welcomed the following businesses to Rialto during the month of January 2014. The City sent each of these new businesses a welcome letter and a statement of appreciation for choosing Rialto as their business home.

<u>Business Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Goods/Service</u>
Beauty Studio	200 W Foothill	Service
Chipotle Mexican Grill #2360	186 E Easton #A	Restaurant
DC Logistics	206 S Lilac Ave	Warehousing/Transportation
Emocionales Anonimos	110 N Riverside Ave	Alcohol Anonymous/Education
Goshen Global	194 E Baseline Rd	Retail/Clothing
Jersey Mike's Subs	186 E Easton St	Restaurant
Just 4 Me	200 W Foothill Blvd	Beauty Supply
Major Leagues Barbers	658 W Bloomington Ave	Barber Shop
Marine's Tax Service	390 N Palm Ave	Tax Service
Nelson Adams NACO	160 N Cactus Ave	Manufacturer/Benches
Rodriquez Tires & Wheels	735 W Rialto Ave. #D	Tire Shop
Wingstop #806	186 E Easton Ave #D	Fast Food Restaurant
Maria Cortez Barber Shop	900 W. Bloomington	Barber Shop

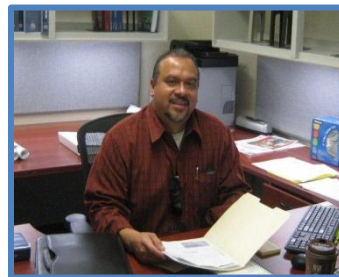
Building Division Report

During January, the Building Division issued 210 building permits and received 65 plans for review, primarily for remodeling, solar installations and tenant improvement projects. The average initial review period was twelve calendar days. The Building Division performed 359 building inspections. Building permit and plan check fee receipts for the month totaled \$225,952. The City also collected \$56,176 in Development Impact Fees. Among the more notable activities:

- Plans were submitted for a 630,000 square feet warehouse by Thrifty Oil at Casmalia Avenue and Alder Avenue and a fourplex at 1529 W. Ramona Avenue.
- Permits were issued for the construction of a new warehouse of 151,705 square feet at 1892 Casmalia Avenue by B&B Plastic and four new single-family residential units in 500 south block of Acacia Avenue.
- Construction was completed at the following locations: the 6,000 square foot retail building hosting the Chipotle restaurant building at 186 E. Easton and Tenant Improvement for Jersey Mike's restaurant at the same location.

New Staff Member

James Caro joined the City on January 26, 2015 as Building and Code Enforcement Manager. James comes to Rialto from the City of Fontana, where he served as the Supervising Building Inspector, Plans Examiner and Building Inspector for 12 years. James possesses a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from the University of La Verne. He holds numerous building certifications, including the ICC Certified Building Code Official, ICC Certified Building Official, ICC Certified Plan Examiner, and the ICC Certified Building Inspector. James will assume command of nine City employees and several contract employees.



City Council Recognizes Rialto Homeowners for Holiday Decorations

On January 13, 2015, the Rialto City Council and the Neighborhood & Housing Preservation & Beautification Commission presented the Holiday Decoration Awards. The program recognizes Rialto homeowners who display unique and beautiful display of exterior Christmas lighting. This year, the Commission recognized five homeowners. This is the 14th year of the program. The homeowners received a plaque and a Corky's Restaurant gift card, along with praise from the Mayor and City Councilmembers.



On January 13, 2015 the City Council recognized 5 Rialto homeowners as part of the 14th Annual Holiday Decoration Award Program. The award winning homes are located at 3623 Verbena Drive, 328 W. Holly Street, 685 S. Lilac Avenue, 1310 W. Cornell Street, and 495 W. Hawthorne Street

Housing Authority Receives Responses to Request for Qualifications

In October 2014, the Rialto Housing Authority released a Request for Qualifications seeking developers for one or more affordable housing projects within one mile of the Rialto Metrolink Station. The Authority holds approximately \$5.5 million of housing funds and owns property to support such development. The Authority received four responses. The Authority intends to compile a short list of developers, issue a Request for Proposal if needed, and ultimately select one or more preferred developers to develop an affordable housing project.

“Save Your Home” Event on March 16 in San Bernardino

On Monday, March 16th from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm, the County of San Bernardino and HUD certified housing counseling organizations will host a “Save Your Home” event. Homeowners who are unemployed, behind on mortgage payments, experiencing trouble refinancing or considering a short sale or deed-in-lieu of foreclosure are encouraged to attend. The event includes homeowners meeting face to face with a lender or a non-profit housing expert and learning about resources that may assist homeowners from losing their homes. The event will be held at the Arrowhead Event Center, 180 S. Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92408.

Code Enforcement Services

The Code Enforcement Division conducted the following special enforcement activities during the month of January:

- **Illegal Weekend Yard Sales.** Code Enforcement Officers and Code Enforcement Volunteers continue to contact and educate property owners regarding unpermitted yard sales. From January 2014 to December 2014, Code Enforcement Volunteer George Apker removed a total of 7,465 illegal yard sale and miscellaneous signs throughout the City’s corridors
- **Illegal Weekend Food and Flower Vendors.** Code Enforcement Officers are conducting sweeps of City streets and parks for illegal vendors. No food or flower vendors were located in January. On January 31, 2015 Code Enforcement conducted an inspection at the Cardenas Market located at 250 W. Foothill Boulevard, where officers found an unpermitted Special Event and issued an order to cease until proper permits were obtain from the city’s Planning Division.
- **Homeless Encampments.** Code Enforcement Officers continue to conduct sweeps for homeless encampments in the commercial and rural areas. On January 22, 2015 Code Enforcement Officers and members of the Rialto Police Department Patrol Division participated in the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health “Office of the Homeless Services” 2015 Point in Time Count, locating and documenting a total of 20 homeless individuals between the hours of 6:00 am and 10:00 am.
- **Scavengers.** Code Enforcement Officers work with the Rialto Police Department and Burrtec Disposal Services Monday through Friday in contacting, educating and citing scavengers within the city’s residential and commercial areas. Code Enforcement Officers cite scavenger violators for RMC 9.98.090 (c) Possession of a shopping cart.
- **Code Enforcement Work Release Program.** Code Enforcement Officers, Volunteers, and Work Release Crew assist the elderly and disabled citizens of Rialto with code enforcement violations on their properties, and with cleanups on City properties and various locations throughout the City. They conducted a total of seventeen cleanups in various locations in the City, with six cleanups assisting disabled citizens.

Police Department

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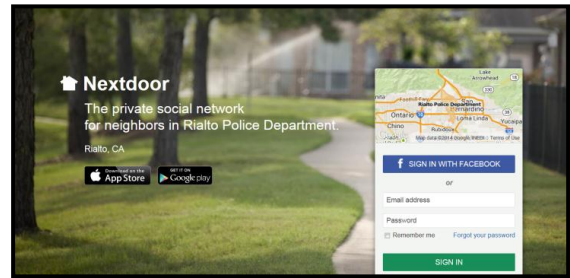


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It's a great way to get feedback, hear opinions, and engage in dialogue with the community you serve. Keep up with what's happening in your community. Visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/RialtoPD>.

RPD Virtual Neighborhood Watch

Nextdoor is free for residents! Each neighborhood creates its own private Nextdoor website, accessible only to residents of that neighborhood. Rialto residents can use Nextdoor to share information about neighborhood watch issues, local events, and local activities.



Nextdoor was specifically designed to make neighbors feel comfortable sharing information with one another in order to help build stronger communities. Neighborhoods establish and self-manage their own Nextdoor website. Information shared on each Nextdoor site is only visible to members who live in the neighborhood and who have verified their address.

For more information you may contact your area commander, Lieutenant Andy Karol, or the Department's Community Liaison at cnelson@rialtopd.com.

NIXLE

NIXLE is a free service that allows community members to receive trusted, up-to-the-minute, neighborhood information for where you live, work, visit, or for where your family and friends are located throughout the country. You choose the information you want, for the locations you want, from urgent public safety alerts to less time sensitive advisories and community information. You choose how you want to receive the information, whether it's over your cell phone by text message, by email or over the web (or all of the above). You stay connected to what is happening in the community at locations that are relevant to you. Registration is FREE, SIMPLE, and SECURE!



For more information, please contact Lieutenant Andy Karol at 909-820-2526 or email at akarol@rialtopd.com.

CALGRIP Grant 2015

The Board of State and Community Corrections' Standing Committee on Gang Issues has completed the competitive process for the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) Program. These are extremely competitive grants awarded to cities to enhance gang intervention, reduction, and prevention efforts. The Rialto Police Department was awarded \$1.4 million over a three-year period for this grant.

First Annual Rialto Police Officer Memorial 5K Run/Walk

On January 31, 2015, the Police Department held its first annual Rialto Police Officer Memorial 5K Run/Walk. This was a fantastic event that brought over 300 runners and

walkers. Congratulations to Team Rialto PD which took 1st Place in the Team Division. Also, a very special thank you to everyone who participated or assisted in any way to make this event possible.



City Community Forum

On Thursday, January 30, 2015, the City held its first Community Forum of 2015. This event was a great way to connect with our community members and business owners, and to find out just how well we are doing.

Below are questions that the audience voted on directly relating to the Police Department:

How would you rate the City's Police Department?

- A. Excellent (46%)
- B. Very Good (35%)
- C. Good (19%)
- D. Fair (0%)
- E. Poor (0%)

Do you feel safe in Rialto?

- A. Yes (86%)
- B. No (14%)

Over the past few years, have you seen a positive change in your Police Department?

- A. Yes (100%)
- B. No (0%)

Do you think we are a safer community than some of our surrounding neighbors: Fontana, Redlands, Colton, and San Bernardino?

- A. Yes (86%)
- B. No (14%)

Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend!

RPD Women in Law Enforcement Fitness Challenge

On March 21, 2015, from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm, the Rialto Police Department will be hosting a "Women's Fitness Challenge."

This event is open to all women 20 years of age and older and will consist of guest speakers, brief presentations by women law enforcement officers, and a fitness challenge to evaluate the physical readiness of those wishing to pursue law enforcement as a career.

For more information, please contact Corporal Vicki Gerard at 909-820-2603 or email at vgerard@rialtopd.com or Deidre Cook at 909-421-4926 or email at dcook@rialtopd.com.

New Police Department Program

The Rialto Police Department would like to introduce its new community campaign - Report It, Don't Ignore It! This campaign was brought about to remind everyone of the importance of reporting crime or suspicious activity. In 2014, together as a community, we reduced property crime by -20.94% and violent crime by -24.42%. As we move into 2015, we want to continue with this positive trend so - Report It, Don't Ignore It!



Citizens Academy

The Rialto Police Department will be hosting a Citizen's Academy, beginning April 2 and concluding on May 28. The Academy will meet for 10 weeks on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the Rialto Police Department Annex, located at 429 W. Rialto Avenue. This class is expected to have approximately 35 attendees.

The Citizen's Academy is designed to present residents with an understanding of the Police Department's operations, which will provide a greater awareness and understanding of law enforcement's role in our community. Each week, an inside look at police functions will be taught by police executives and veteran officers.

The Citizen's Academy curriculum includes, among other things, criminal investigations, traffic laws, radio communications, drug and gang enforcement, police ethics, police K9s, SWAT, crisis negotiation, crime analysis, and patrol functions.

If you are interested in attending the Citizen's Academy, please email Lieutenant Kathy Thompson at kthompson@rialtopd.com.

Fire Department

Community Paramedic Program

As our country transitions into a new era of healthcare, new challenges and opportunities have emerged. Without question, there are growing pains that are impacting the health care system as a whole, to include the delivery of paramedic services. As more patients access the healthcare system through the use of 911 and emergency departments (EDs), a



backlog is created that can tie up ambulances throughout the region and their patients for hours as they wait for beds at crowded hospital facilities. In the last 60 days alone, Rialto ambulances had a total of 447 incidents of delays lasting over 30 minutes at local hospitals, with the average delay being approximately 53 minutes. Some of the wait times exceeded four hours. Collectively, our ambulances spent nearly 170 hours unavailable on bed delay at these hospitals. These numbers are common among all ambulance providers in the county. Currently, state law precludes any ambulance from transporting individuals who call 911 to any destination other than an ED.

The scope of the problem is complex and involves multiple factors and agencies. Nonetheless, in the spirit of embracing new and innovative ideas to address this problem, the RFD has joined in a state-sponsored pilot program that will train our paramedics to use unconventional approaches to help deal with this challenge. The program, referred to as “Community Paramedics”, trains our personnel to do broader assessments of the patient’s true medical needs, and offer alternatives to simply taking the patient to the emergency room. The program has the potential to allow our Emergency Medical Service (EMS) personnel to divert certain patients to appropriate

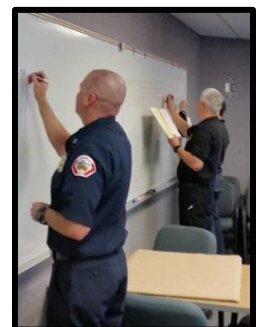


health clinics instead of EDs. In addition, the program can facilitate scheduled check-ups after a patient has been discharged for medical procedures, which reduces the need for a return visit to the hospital. Other potential services include arranging for a referral to the most appropriate services, and in some cases providing basic treatment on-site to reduce the need for transport altogether.

Programs such as these have shown great promise across the country. State-wide, San Bernardino will be one of ten counties that will sponsor these pilot programs. Within San Bernardino, only Rialto and San Bernardino County Fire Departments are participating in the program, and will serve as lead agencies as the program evolves. Our personnel are currently enrolled in state-sponsored training to expand their skills and scope of practice to prepare them for their new role. Elements of the program are slated to roll out by late summer of 2015. Using innovative approaches to address our challenges, the RFD will continue to provide excellent EMS care to our community.

Setting the Course

The RFD understands that the emergency service needs of Rialto continue to evolve as the demand for these services grow with our community. Additionally, as we see with our community paramedic program, there are a number of opportunities that we should be positioned to take advantage of in order to provide the best services possible to Rialto. To set a course for the next five years, the RFD is working through a strategic planning process that will serve as a road map for coordinated growth of fire department services. As the fire department successfully closes out the previous two-year plan, the need to build on our progress to meet the city’s needs is clear.



The process has begun with members of the planning team reaching out to stakeholder groups to ensure that we are aligned with the needs, desires, and resources of the community. The process itself will take two to three months, and will culminate with a written plan that will be shared with the community.



Helping the Community – Eagle Scout

The RFD was proud to be a part of the Court of Honor for Rialto resident Jessie Palominos who was pinned by Chief Fratus with his Eagle Scout badge. It is well known that the attainment of Eagle Scout is a high achievement that shows honor, commitment, and a dedication to service. As his capstone project, Jessie poured hours of work into beautifying the Rialto Cemetery with landscape improvements and lighting. Jessie definitely stands out as a great example of our community's youth, and the character and promise they hold. The RFD congratulates Jessie and his family on this accomplishment.



Carbon Monoxide Awareness

The crisp air that comes with winter months also means an increased use of heating sources and more time spent inside. Both of these can lead to an increased risk of exposure to carbon monoxide (CO). You can't see or smell carbon monoxide, but at high levels it can kill a person in minutes. Carbon monoxide is produced whenever any fuel such as gas, oil, kerosene, wood, or charcoal is burned. If appliances that burn fuel are maintained and used properly, the amount of CO produced is usually not hazardous. However, if appliances are not working properly or are used incorrectly, dangerous levels of CO can result. Hundreds of people die accidentally every year from CO poisoning caused by malfunctioning or improperly used fuel-burning appliances. One of the best ways that you can protect yourself is to install a quality CO alarm in your home. CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound. Visit the [National Fire Protection Association](http://www.nfpa.org) website for more information on how to protect you and your family from the dangers of CO.



Rialto Fire on Facebook



There's always something happening at the RFD. "Like" us on Facebook to get activities, incidents, pictures, videos, and more!

Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/rialtofiredepartment>.

Public Works

Park Clean Up Days

As part of an effort to make the City Parks a better place to play, the Public Works Department is hosting Park Clean-Up Days on the second Saturday of the month from January through November 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

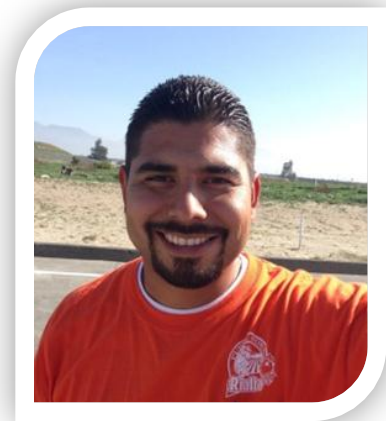
Come join in the raking, trimming, shoveling, sweeping, painting and trash clean-up alongside City's Workers. The dates and locations for 2015 are as follows:

February 14, 2015.....	Bud Bender Park.....	300 N. Lilac Avenue
March 14, 2015	Margaret Todd Park	201 N. Willow Avenue
April 18, 2015*	Andreson Park	726 S. Lilac Avenue
May 9, 2015	Flores Park.....	1020 W. Etiwanda Avenue
June 13, 2015	Jerry Eaves Park.....	1485 N. Ayala Drive
July 11, 2015.....	Fergusson Park.....	2395 W. Sunrise Avenue
August 8, 2015	Frisbie Park.....	1901 N. Acacia Avenue
September 12, 2015.....	Birdsall Park	2611 N. Linden Avenue
October 10, 2015	Kristina Dana Hendrickson	Riverside Avenue/Second Street Cultural Center/Women's Club
November 14, 2015.....	Metrolink Station/Downtown	261 S. Palm Avenue

New Hires

Public Works Maintenance Division held interviews for Field Service Worker positions that were vacated with the recent promotion of two employees earlier in the fiscal year. As of January 21, 2015, the Department is proud to announce the second of the two positions was offered to, and accepted by, Marcus Pineda.

The Department is pleased to welcome Mr. Pineda and would like to congratulate him in his new position as Field Service Worker. Marcus has been assigned to the Traffic Safety Division of Street Maintenance. He is a much needed and welcome addition to our Public Works team!



Capital Improvement Projects

Project Bids

The following are projects that the department received bids for in the month of January:

- Bud Bender Park Rehabilitation
- Cedar Avenue Storm Drain
- Pepper Avenue/Baseline Road Traffic Signal Upgrade Project
- Rialto Airport Demolition Phase 2

Contracts Awarded

The following projects were awarded contracts in the month January:

- 2013/2014 & 2014/2015 Annual Street Overlay Project awarded to Match Corporation for \$1,806,780
- Traffic Signal Upgrade at Pepper Avenue and Baseline Road awarded to California Professional Engineering, Inc. for \$241,770
- Rialto Airport Demolition Phase 1 awarded to Pantano Excavating, Inc. for \$98,700
- 2014/2015 Annual Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk Improvement Project awarded to Carvajal Trucking & Tractor, Inc. for \$65,788
- Tire and Related Accessories, Services and Supplies awarded to Parkhouse Tire Inc., for \$40,000 and Daniels Tire Service for \$40,000
- Rialto Airport Markings Removal awarded to Pavement Recycling Systems, Inc. for \$37,815.14

Land Development Items

For the month of January the following developments were under construction, in the plan checking review process and/or in the approval process:

Developments Currently Under Construction

- DCT Industrial Development – A 927,575 square foot warehouse located on Renaissance Parkway between Locust and Laurel Avenues. Currently constructing on & off-site improvements.
- Prologis Building 4 – A 677,225 square foot distribution warehouse located on the west side of Tamarind Avenue north of Baseline Road. Currently constructing on-site improvements

Plan Checks in Review

- Wal-Mart Off-Site Improvements, plan checking for street improvements along Riverside Avenue, San Bernardino Avenue and Willow Avenue.
- CapRock Partners, development of a 614,824 square foot distribution warehouse, located on the northeast corner of Locust and Bohnert Avenues.

Plans Approved

- Lilac Distribution Center, development of a 258,857 square foot industrial warehouse, located on the northwest corner of Merrill and Lilac Avenues.
- CapRock Partners Development – A 614,824 square foot distribution warehouse, located on the northeast corner of Locust and Bohnert Avenues. Currently constructing on-site improvements.

Solid Waste Management News

Lions Club - Special Eye Glasses Collection

The City of Rialto and the Lions Club would like to extend a BIG thank you to all of the residents that showed up to support the Eye Glasses Collection Event in January. Residents donated 404 pairs of glasses to the Lions Club organization. This will go a long way towards helping those people in our community that have uncorrected refractive errors (near-sightedness, far-sightedness or astigmatism). Most of these vision impairments are quickly diagnosed and are easy to treat with corrective lenses.

It costs Lions less than \$0.08 to provide a pair of recycled eyeglasses and change someone's life.

Lions Clubs collect millions of eyeglasses each year to address the need for glasses, making eyeglasses recycling one of the most popular activities.

Thank you Rialto Residents, for donating your glasses. You are helping someone see clearer.



For a list Lions Club vision screenings visit

http://www.californialionsfriendsinsight.org/upcoming_screenings_2015.html

Special T-Shirt Collection

The City of Rialto and Members of The San Bernardino Valley (CA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated (est. 1979), would like to thank the residents of Rialto for the great participation in the recent t-shirt collection event.



The San Bernardino Valley (CA) Chapter collected over 1500 clean, used t-shirts during the Community Clean-up day on January 24, 2015. Your unwanted t-shirts will be given new life as they are sewn into reusable cloth diapers. The reusable cloth (t-shirt) diapers are then donated to mothers in need. Thanks Rialto residents, for making a difference!

Household Hazardous Waste

During the Month of January 2015 there were 227 residents served at the Household Hazardous Waste site. They brought in 525 gallons of used motor oil, 8 pallets of paint, 18 drums of misc. poisons and other toxic liquids, and 11 barrels of sharps.

During the month of February, the site will be open on Friday and Saturday the 13th and 14th and Friday and Saturday the 27th and 28th from 8:00 am until 12 noon.

